

**REMARKS**

The specification and claims 1 and 6 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors and to provide a cross-referencing paragraph at page 1 of the specification. It is submitted that no new matter is inserted into the application by way of the instant amendments. Claims 1-11 remain pending in this application. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

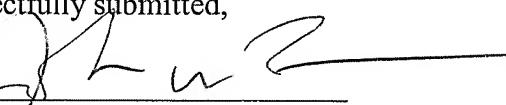
**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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